

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

In re Application of: : Group Art Unit:
CYRIEL MINKENBERG :
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Entitled: : Examiner:
SWITCHING ARRANGEMENT AND :
METHOD :
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: Docket No: CH9-2000-0002
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Serial No.: : Mahopac, NY 10541
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Filed: April 20, 2001 : Date: April 20, 2001

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

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In Claims:

Claim 5, line 1, change "one of claims 1 to 4" to
--claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, change "one of claims 1 to 5" to
--claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, change "one of claims 1 to 6" to
--claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 1, change "one of claims 7 or 8" to
--claim 7--.

Claim 10, line 1, change "one of claims 7 to 9" to
--claim 7--.

Claim 11, line 1, change "one of claims 1 to 10" to
--claim 1--.

Claim 16, line 1, change "one of claims 12 to 15" to
--claim 12--.

Claim 17, line 1, change "one of claims 12 to 16" to
--claim 12--.

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Claim 18, line 1, change "one of claims 12 to 17" to
--claim 12--.

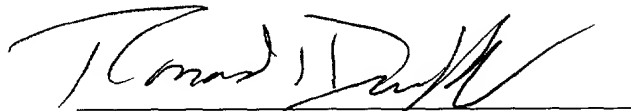
Claim 20, line 1, delete "or 19".

Claim 21, line 1, change "one of claims 18 to 20" to
--claim 18--.

REMARKS

Multiple dependency has been eliminated. Please enter
this amendment before calculation of the filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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